

Banquet, book, medal to mark club milestone

By Roger Boye

Several hobby leaders will be in Chicago later this week to help celebrate the Chicago Coin Club's 800th monthly meeting.

"We believe we're just the second local coin club in the nation to reach that milestone," said club president Saul B. Needleman. He and other officers have decided to mark the occasion in style. Their plans include:

- A banquet for the 800th meeting beginning at 7 p.m. Saturday in the Midland Hotel, 172 W. Adams St. Guest speaker will be Margo Russell of Sidney, Ohio; she retired in February after 23 years as editor of *Coin World*, the nation's largest newspaper for coin collectors.

- Publication of "Perspectives in Numismatics," a collection of 19 essays on hobby-related subjects. Authors include experts such as Elvira Clain-Stefanelli of the Smithsonian Institution, Richard G. Doty of the American Numismatic Society in New York, and club members Robert Leonard, George Lill III and Carl Wolf.

- Issuance of a two-inch commemorative medal designed by Wolf and depicting the double head of Janus, the ancient Roman god of beginnings.

In addition, Florence Schook of Livonia, Mich., national president of the 35,000-member American Numismatic Association, will lead a wide-ranging discussion of issues affecting hobbyists. The "ANA Roundtable" will begin at 1:30 p.m. Saturday in the Midland Hotel; some other members of the ANA Board of Governors also are expected to attend, as are representatives of *Coin World* and *Numismatic News*.

The ANA confab is free and open to the public. Collectors who want to attend the banquet should call the club at 454-9696 by Wednesday; tickets are \$15 each.

The book and medal are available by writing to the club at P.O. Box 2301, Chicago, Ill. 60690. The book costs \$15 for a softcover edition and \$25 for hardcover, and the medal with an antique bronze finish is \$7.50 [plus postage].

With 150 members, the Chicago Coin Club is one of the largest such organizations in the country. About 15 collectors attended the club's first meeting in February, 1919, at the Sherman House in Chicago.

- At least 25 dealers will be selling coins and currency Sunday at the fourth annual show of the Schaumburg Numismatic Society. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Lakeside Banquet Hall, 1100 W. Lake St., Roselle.